

**JOINT BOARD MEETING
EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
MINUTES
MADISON, WI
JUNE 14, 2002**

PRESENT: Crystal Berg, Jennifer Borup, Peter Fabian, LaMarr Franklin, Lynn Gauger, Muriel Harper, George Kamps, Susan Kell, Douglas Knight, Anne Marie Rathburn, Linda Schwallie

EXCUSED: Colleen James, Susan Putra

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Bureau Director, John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel, Roxanne Peterson

CALL TO ORDER

Linda Schwallie called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. after determining that a quorum was present.

AGENDA

MOTION: Susan Kell moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2002

MOTION: Doug Knight moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board welcomed Jennifer Borup and George Kamps as voting members to the Board.

REGULATORY DIGEST

The Board received a copy of the June 2002 Regulatory Digest.

FINAL ADOPTION OF RULES

Rule Relating to Supervised Clinical Practice

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, for final adoption of the rules relating to supervised clinical practice. Motion carried unanimously.

Rule Relating to Pre-Certification Supervised Practice for Independent Social Workers and Independent Clinical Social Workers

MOTION: Doug Knight moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, for final adoption of the rules relating to pre-certification supervised practice for Independent Social Workers and Independent Clinical Social Workers. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF IMPAIRED PROFESSIONAL PROCEDURE

LeeAnn Cooper met with the Board to explain the impaired professional procedures.

TRAINING FORMEMBERS ON PROTOCOLS TO BE FOLLOWED DURING HEARINGS

The Board discussed the protocols to follow when conducting a hearing and the role of the Board member during a hearing. Board members are appointed to protect the public. Board members should act professionally, be respectful, and stay focused on the issue and facts.

DISCUSSION RE: RULES TO IMPLEMENT PSYCHOTHERAPY BILL – ACT 80

The Board received a copy of the Scope Statement on proposed rules relating to the implementation of 2001 Wisconsin Act 80.

John Schweitzer reviewed the rules process and reported that legislative drafts must be received in the Legislature by August 1, 2002, in order to be considered this year, otherwise the legislative draft will go to the Legislature on January 1, 2003. Pamela Haack explained in order to enact an emergency rule, there must be a finding of an emergency.

John Schweitzer provided a list of actions that need to be completed by the Section, other Sections or Boards, and the Department in order to implement the new legislation. The Chair requested that Board members forward John Schweitzer any suggestions or recommendations.

The Board was reminded that it was the commitment and consensus of the Psychotherapy Advisory Committee that once the clinical license element was taken care of that the basic, advanced and independent license element needed to be addressed.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF E-THERAPY LEGISLATION

The Board discussed the background and current status of the national E-therapy legislation. It was the consensus of the Board that it should take a pro-active approach and begin researching this issue in anticipation of implementing rules and regulations.

MOTION: Susan Kell moved, seconded by Jennifer Borup, to request that the Secretary appoint an ad hoc committee, including members of the Joint Board, Medical Examining Board and Psychology Examining Board, to research and study E-therapy. Motion carried unanimously.

Kim Nania will discuss the Board's request with Secretary Oscar Herrera and report back to the Board.

REVIEW OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF HEALTH BOARD CHAIRS MEETING HELD 3/6/02

Linda Schwallie and Doug Knight reported on the March 6, 2002, meeting held with Secretary Oscar Herrera and other Department administrators. Issues discussed at that meeting related to the development of consistent procedures throughout the Boards, the phone system, the Regulatory Digest, communication between the Department and Boards, Board member orientation, and other improvements at the Department level.

REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE

LaMarr Franklin reported that the Rules Committee discussed the draft rule relating to arrests and convictions; the rule to implement Act 80; and, the E-therapy legislation.

REPORT OF SOCIAL WORKERS SECTION

Doug Knight reported that the Section has 3 new members, Jennifer Borup, George Kamps, and Crystal Berg. He advised that the Section is addressing issues relating to E-therapy and Act 80. An upcoming issue for discussion will be credentialing faculty to teach social workers.

REPORT OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS SECTION

LaMarr Franklin reported that they did not have a quorum for their June 14, 2002, Section meeting. Susan Kell and Mr. Franklin reviewed applications.

REPORT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS SECTION

Peter Fabian reported that the Section held meetings on February 8 and June 7, 2002. Linda Schwallie was elected Chair. The Section is addressing issues relating to HIPPA and Act 80.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board received a copy of a press release relating to the psychotropic drug bill.

The Board discussed whether it should be looking at the shift in the activities of the Joint Board and how it operates. The Chair asked that Board members think about this issue for further discussion at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS

The Board scheduled a tentative Joint Board meeting for July 17, 2002, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Madison to discuss issues relating to implementation of Act 80.

The next regularly scheduled Joint Board meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.